

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 993

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Eloise Waters, RN on 35 years of meritorious community service with the Bradley County Health Department.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Ms. Eloise Waters, RN who has unselfishly dedicated her time and talents for thirty-five outstanding years to the Bradley County Health Department making the communities of Bradley County a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Waters began her illustrious tenure with the Heath Department upon being asked by her childhood physician, Dr. John Lillard, to join the staff after graduating from nursing school; and

WHEREAS, although a bit skeptical about entering the practice of public health care, Ms. Waters enhanced her knowledge of the philosophy and in 1967 she began work in the realm of public health care in Bradley and Polk Counties; and

WHEREAS, briefly leaving the profession in order to further her education, Ms. Waters began her matriculation at the Erlanger Nursing School in Chattanooga and upon graduating from Southern Adventist University in Collegedale in 1971, she returned to work in Polk County; and

WHEREAS, dedicating her full attention to Bradley County in 1986, Southeast Regional Public Health Director Hugh Barnes commends her endeavors noting that she, "Is an extremely dedicated health professional," and that "she does what it takes to make Bradley County a healthier place to live."; and

WHEREAS, once again coming to the aid of the people Polk County in 1992, Ms. Waters has since been serving both counties with acumen and alacrity; and

WHEREAS, throughout her 35 years of continuous employment with the Bradley County Health Department, Ms. Waters has served with devotion in numerous capacities including helping senior citizens with home health screenings, aiding in the prevention and elimination of childhood diseases and illnesses, and making house calls as a public nurse; she currently serves as Director of the Health Department; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Waters' inspiration has been essential in the success of many facets of the Health Department as she has been instrumental in the planning and implementation of prenatal programs in Bradley County and in securing a grant from the Kellogg Foundation to help provide funding for nurses in the Bradley County school system; and

WHEREAS, always striving to advance health care in any way possible, Ms. Waters aspires to create and develop new programs at the Health Department such as a high blood pressure program directed toward African-Americans and a parenting class for mothers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Waters' remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, through her astute dedication to the citizens of Bradley and Polk Counties in providing much needed health care, Ms. Waters has established herself as a public-minded citizen of the highest order and as an individual who embodies the "Volunteer Spirit" that is indicative of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join Director Hugh Barnes, the administration and staff of the Bradley County Health Department, and the citizens of Bradley and Polk Counties in honoring and commending Eloise Waters, RN for her 35 years of continuous service and devotion to public health care. We extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.